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| Serial No.     | : | 09/197,908   |
| Filed          | : | November 23, 1998  |
| For            | : | DIGITAL COMPUTER SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR MANAGING AN AUCTION MARKET FOR PREFERRED-RETURN SECURITIES |
| Group Art Unit | : | 2761   |
| Examiner       | : | Retta Yehdaga  |

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

SIR :

This is a Petition for Extension of Time for one month to respond to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2001, in the above-referenced patent application. If additional time is necessary, this Petition is to be deemed a Petition for such time as necessary to accept the Amendment and Response filed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235.

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